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**RESPONSE/SUBMISSION UNDER RULES 114 AND 116
AND
PETITION FOR 1-MONTH EXTENSION UNDER RULE 136(A)**

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Introduction

The present application is currently pending with claims 1-22. A Final Office Action dated 09/21/2004 rejected all pending claims. The Office Action set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response. A Petition for a 1-Month Extension is included herewith to extend the deadline for response to Jan. 21, 2005.

This paper serves as a Response to the Final Office Action. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith, and thus this paper also serves as a submission pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114.

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Petition For 1-Month Extension Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows:

- ☒ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month
- ☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) - Extension within second month
- ☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) - Extension within third month
- ☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(4) - Extension within fourth month.

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